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COUNSELOR CONNECTION

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

GoHigherKY.Org: Kentucky's Newest College Resource

Eighth-grade students now have another resource to help them prepare for college — the GoHigherKY.org web portal. Kentucky parents and students can now check out most college information at one easy stop.



GoHigherKy.org will give middle school students a head start on college by showing them how to plan their high school studies with college in mind and familiarizing them with the admissions and financial aid processes.

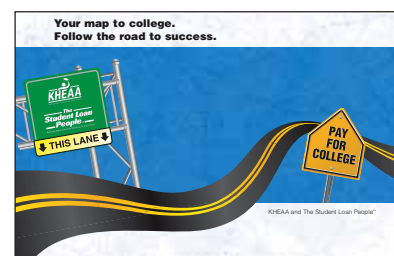
High school students can focus their college wish lists to those schools that meet their goals. They can even apply online, tour campuses and search for scholarships — **FREE**.

Encourage your students to sign up for their “My Go Higher” account online. And sign up yourself while you’re at it.

Counselors can enter a section just for them by clicking on the icon “For School Counselors” near the bottom of the home page. The Counselor Center lets counselors connect with their students through e-mail and chats and track their students’ progress. Counselors in more than 30 states across the country are using similar sites to help students.

New booklet gives middle schoolers a ‘Map to College’

You can help guide your students along the road to college with the new middle school booklet from The Student Loan PeopleSM and KHEAA, *Your Map to College*.



The brochure, a copy of which is included with this newsletter, gives middle schoolers advice on why getting an education beyond high school is important and how they can use their high school years to prepare themselves for a higher education.

It explains how the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program works and gives students basic information about the types of financial aid available for college students.

A glossary in the back introduces students to many of the terms they will come across during the college admissions and financial aid processes.

Copies of the brochure will soon be mailed to you to share with each of your seventh- and eighth-grade students.

KHEAA will host a special Ice Cream Social session at the Kentucky Counseling Association conference in Louisville on Thursday, October 21. The session will begin at 4 p.m. and will last an hour. Stop by our session to receive your thank you gift for helping us reach Kentucky students.



College Info Road Show Renovated

The College Info Road Show, which travels the state providing free help to Kentuckians interested in college, now features satellite Internet access.

The College Info Road Show is a 30-foot-long Winnebago operated by KHEAA and The Student Loan PeopleSM. Workers recently installed a satellite Internet hookup and 11 computer stations — one for KHEAA's Mark Hoover and 10 for students. The setup, which includes a screen on which Mark can project what he sees on his computer, lets Mark guide students through useful websites.



The College Info Road Show's interior now has computers and bright colors.

The Road Show visits high schools and anywhere Kentuckians are interested in learning about the state's higher education opportunities. Anyone interested in having the Road Show visit should call Mark at (502) 696-7396.

Making a List and Checking It Twice...

Believe it or not, reporting for KEES begins at the end of a student's eighth-grade year. KHEAA uses the names and addresses reported each year by middle schools to send information about KEES to students entering high school. A student's Social Security number (SSN) and date of birth are the main identifiers, so verifying those is essential.

Last year KHEAA identified over 22,000 KEES accounts duplicated due to either an incorrect SSN or date of birth. While our staff works diligently to resolve these discrepancies, we need your help to make sure everything is reported correctly. Please take time during this school year to review your eighth-grade class roster and verify each student's SSN and date of birth. If these have not been verified since the student entered your school district in elementary school, please request proof, such as a Social Security card.

If you have questions or comments about the KEES program, contact KEES coordinator Becky Gilpatrick at rgilpatrick@kheaa.com or (800) 928-8926 extension 7394.



Attention, Counselors and Coordinators!
It's that time of year again!

KHEAA and The Student Loan PeopleSM would like to remind you what we provide to schools, completely free of charge.

Presentations and seminars:

- Financial aid from A to Z
- Students will learn about their online KEES accounts, as well as grants, scholarships, work-study, savings and Federal Family Education Loans.

Who wants to be a KEES millionaire?
Students will learn the basics of the KEES program, how to use the funds and the best ways to earn money for college.

We offer our services for:

- Reality stores
- Financial aid nights
- Career fairs
- PTA meetings
- Adult education programs
- College nights
- KEES workshops
- FAFSA workshops

The Student Loan People provide the lowest-cost student loans in Kentucky.

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Contact me today to schedule your event!

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Outreach Flyer

Need help explaining financial aid and higher education to your students? Included with this issue of your *Counselor Connection* is a flyer containing information on how you can arrange for the KHEAA outreach counselor for your area to come and talk with students about these important subjects. Please contact the counselor at the phone number or e-mail address on the flyer to make arrangements.

KHEAA and The Student Loan PeopleSM publish the *Counselor Connection* to share information about student financial aid, college preparation and college planning. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please send them to publications@kheaa.com.

KHEAA and The Student Loan People are EEOC employers and provide, upon request, reasonable accommodations to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities.

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